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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
AKIRA NAGASHIMA, et al.)
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)
Filed: Herewith)
For: INK, INK-JET RECORDING)
PROCESS, RECORDED ARTICLE,)
RECORDING UNIT, INK)
CARTRIDGE, INK-JET)
RECORDING APPARATUS,)
FLUORESCENCE ENHANCING)
METHOD AND METHOD OF)
ELONGATING LIFE TIME OF)
FLUORESCENCE) July 29, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Applications:

Japan 2000-240314, filed August 8, 2000;
Japan 2000-240492, filed August 8, 2000;
Japan 2000-354169, filed November 21, 2000;
Japan 2000-354185, filed November 21, 2000;
Japan 2001-232792, filed July 31, 2001; and
Japan 2001-232931, filed July 31, 2001.

Certified copies of the priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/923,417.

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